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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Requirement for information under 37 CFR 1.105, dated February 13, 2004, Applicant submits herewith Exhibit A to evidence the nature of the design technology information contained in a technology file in the Opus CAD environment and as referred to in the specification, as filed (page 2, lines 18-19; page 10, lines 23-25). Exhibit A comprises the select pages of published user manuals for various CAD tools within the Opus CAD environment, as set forth below:

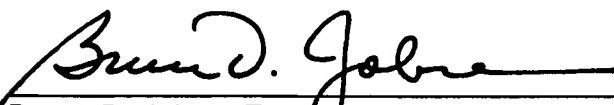
- P1 Cadence Trademarks, including Opus
- P2 Introducing Design Framework II
- P3-4 Virtuoso Layout Editor
- P5-6 Design Entry Circuit Editor
- P7-8 Design Framework User Interface
- P9-17 Technology File, sections related to design rules, and
- P18-20 Parameterized Cell, driven by design rules defined in technology file.

According to the Applicant, Design Framework II is the follow-on product to the original Opus product from Cadence Design Systems, Inc., however the family of CAD tools offered by Cadence Design Systems, Inc. continues to be referred to as the "Opus CAD environment". Note that Opus is a trademark of Cadence Design Systems, Inc. Pages 9-17, in particular, illustrate the environment and process for creating a rule file in Standard Verification Rule Format and declaring a Rule File Variable within the Opus CAD environment.

In addition, Applicant submits herewith Exhibit B to evidence the existence of a Calibre, a commercially available design verification tool from Mentor Graphics, Inc., as referred to in the specification, as filed (page 15, lines 1-4). Exhibit B comprises the cover page and select pages of a document entitled Writing Rules for Caliber Student Workbook, published September 1999 by Mentor Graphics, Inc., for version 8.7_21. The selected pages of Exhibit B illustrate the environment and process for creating rule file in Standard Verification Rule Format and declaring a Rule File Variable.

Applicant believes the claims are in allowable condition. A notice of allowance for this application is solicited earnestly. If the Examiner has any further questions regarding this amendment, he/she is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the number listed below. The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any balances under 37 CFR §1.17, and 1.16 to Deposit Account No. 02-3038.

Respectfully submitted,



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